Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, joined by University of Toledo President Lloyd Jacobs and officials from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), announced the awarding of a construction contract to build a new veterans outpatient clinic in Toledo that will serve veterans from throughout Northwest Ohio.

" This is a day we have worked toward for a long time because our veterans deserve the best from a grateful community and a grateful nation, " said Congresswoman Kaptur, who servers as a member of the defense subcommittee of House Appropriations.

Kaptur said construction on the new 66,000-square foot clinic, to be located on the Health Sciences campus of the University of Toledo, will begin sometime next year with completion scheduled for the summer of 2012.

The new facility will replace the current 32-year-old VA clinic (40,000 square feet) on Glendale Avenue. The building award was made to Carnegie Management and Development of Westlake, Ohio.